

1570.

THE BOOK OF ORDINANCES

Belonging to the
Company of *TYLERS* and *BRICK-LAYERS*
Incorporated within the City of *London*:

VVhich Ordinances have been Perused, Allowed, Rati-
fied, and Confirmed by the Right Honourable, Sir
Nicholas Bacon Knight, Lord Keeper of the Great
Seal of *England*, *William* Marquess of *Winche-*
ster, Lord High Treasurer of *England*, and
Sir *Robert Catlyn* Knight, Lord Chief
Justice of the *Kings-Bench*,

By their writing under their Hands and Seals, bearing
date the Fourteenth day of *July*, in the thirteenth
Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady

QUEEN ELIZABETH.



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FIRST it is Ordained, That it shall and may be law-^{To search and}
ful to the Master and Wardens of the Fellowship^{try Earth,}
of *Tylers and Brick-layers of London*, or to two of
them, or to two other honest men of the said Art, by the
same Master and Wardens to be appointed twice every
year, or oftener if they shall think it good, to enter into
all and every place and places where any earth or clay shall
be digged, within fifteen Miles compass of the same City
of *London*, to make any Tyle or Brick of, or where any
Sand, Chalk, or other stone shall be digged or broken, to
be occupied with or about the laying of Brick or Tyle, or
for the making of Lyme; And to view, search, and under-
stand by their knowledge and discretions, whether the said
earth or clay be good and lawful stuff, and well seasoned
and tempered to make brick & tyle of, or no; and whether
the Stone, Chalk, and Sand be meet and convenient to be^{Stone & Chalk}
occupied in the same Art, for the making of Lyme, or to
be tempered with Lyme, And whether every Brick meant^{Brick,}
and intended to be uttered or put to sale, be of the length
of nine inches, and in breadth four inches and one quar-
ter, and two inches and one quarter in thicknes, as they
ought to be; And whether every plain Tyle do con-^{Plain Tyle,}
tain in length ten inches and a half, and in breadth six in-
ches and a quarter of an inch, and in thicknes half an inch
and a quarter, as it ought to be; And whether every Pa-^{Paving-tyle,}
ving-tyle be of good, sufficient, lawful, and merchantable
stuff; And whether every rough Tyle do contain in^{Rough Tyle,}
length thirteen inches, and in thicknes one inch, with
convenient depth accordingly, as they ought to do; And
whether every Corner-tyle and Cover tyle doth contain<sup>Corner tyle,
Cover-tyle.</sup>

in length ten inches and a half, with convenient thickness and depth accordingly, as they ought to do. And if the said Master and Wardens, or two of them, do finde any such default with any the Stuff aforesaid, meant to be put to sale, as is aforesaid; Or that any manner of person or persons shall bring, or cause to be brought any kinde of Tyle, Brick, or Lyme made of insufficient stuff, or not of the said assises; or any Sand not being lawful, meet, convenient, or not sufficient, to be sold, and not occupied in the same Art, within the City of *London*, the Suburbs thereof, or within fifteen miles compass of the same City, Then it shall be to the said Master and Wardens then for the time being, and to their Successors, or to two of them, to break in pieces the said Brick and Tyle so insufficiently or ill made, as is aforesaid, or wanting the thickness, breadth, or length aforesaid; and further to fine and amerce every of the owners and makers of the said Brick, Tyle, Lyme, or Sand, in the Court of the said Master and Wardens within one moneth after, to be kept according to the discretions of the said Master and Wardens.

Item, That the said Master and Wardens, or two of them, shall and may search and try every Cart that shall come to the City of *London*, or the Liberties or Suburbs of the same, or fifteen miles compass, with Tyle or Sand to be sold, whether the Tyle cart do contain one thousand tyle to be carried therein at the least; And whether the said Sand-cart do contain fully the quantity of eighteen bushels at the least, and shall seal the same, or cause to be sealed the same Cart with the Seal or Mark of the City of *London*; And if they finde any such default, then it shall be lawful to the said Master and Wardens, and their Successors for the time being, to fine and amerce the owners or sellers of the said Tyle or Sand, in the Court of

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Penalty to the offenders.

The ill Tyles and Brick to break in pieces, and also to fine and amerce every owner and maker within one moneth, in their Court.

Search for Carts.

Power to fine and amerce the owners or sellers in their Court, according to the quantity of the offence.

the said Master and Wardens within one month after such default to be found, according to the quantity of their said offence or offences, as by the said Master and Wardens shall be thought meet and convenient; And the same Fine and Amerciament to be levyed and imployed to the use of the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Company aforesaid.

Item, That it shall be lawful to the Master and Wardens of the said Fellowship, or two of them for the time being, as often, and when they shall think good, to search and try all and every sack or other thing, wherein any Lyme is, or shall be brought to the City of London to be sold, whether the same Lyme be well and sufficiently burned; And whether every such sack being knit, do contain of Lyme after it is burnt, half a bushel by full measure, and if they finde any such default, then to fine and amerce the owners or sellers of the said Lyme in the Court aforesaid, as is aforesaid, and the same Fine and Amerciament to be levyed and imployed by the said Master and Wardens, to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Company aforesaid.

*Search for
Lyme sacks &
Lyme.
Power to fine
and amerce.*

Also, That no manner person or persons occupying or exercising the Art of Tylers or Brick-layers within the City of London, the Suburbs thereof, or fifteen miles compass of the same, shall from and after the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel next coming, lay or cause to be laid upon any House, Pent-house, or other Room covered with tyle, or any Brick-wall, within the same City, or the Suburbs thereof, or within fifteen miles distant from the same City, any Crasyer, or Samuel Tyle or Brick, or any other Tyle or Brick, then such Tyle or Brick as shall be sufficiently and workmanly made, and wrought of good and lawful stuff, well annelled and burned, and of the assizes before

*Working in
all Brick or
Tyle.*

*Forfeiture of
the Brick and
Tyle by seizure*

before expressed, upon pain of forfeiture for every time so doing, the said brick and tyle to the said Master and VVardens, and their Successors, which they shall take and seize to their best use and commodity.

For Lathing.

And, That no manner of person or persons using the said Art or Mystery, shall lathe asunder above the scantling of seven inches, laying one filling Lath in the midst any manner of House, Pent-house or other Shed, within the same City, or fifteen miles compass of the same, with any other Lath then good, sufficient, and lawful heart lath, upon pain of forfeiture for every such offence, twenty shillings, the same to be levied and imployed to the use of the said Master, VVardens and Fellowship, as is aforesaid.

*20 s. the For-
feiture.*

*To search for
workmanship.*

And, That the said Master and VVardens of the said Art or Mystery of Tylers and Bricklayers, or two of them for the time being, shall have full power and authority to search and oversee, whether that all manner of Reparations and works of tyling and brick-laying within the said City, and the suburbs thereof, and within fifteen miles distant from the same City, be well, sufficiently, and workmanly made and laid, and all such Reparations and works of tyling and brick-laying, as they finde not well, or insufficient, or not workmanly made, within the same City and the suburbs of the same, or within fifteen miles distant from the same, by any occupying the same Art or Mystery, to cause and compel every such person and persons as took upon him or them the making thereof, the same reparations and works sufficiently & substantially to amend; And over that, to cause the same person for his misdoing, to pay six shillings and eight pence, to be levied and imployed in form aforesaid, to the uses aforesaid.

*Forfeiture 6 s
8 d.*

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Also, That it shall be lawful to the said Master and VVardens of the said Art, or two of them for the time being, at all times from henceforth, at their wills and pleasures, to search, try, and view whether that all manner of reparations and works of tyling and brick-laying done by forrein of the said Art or Mystery, in any place or places within fifteen miles distant of the same City, be sufficiently and workmanly made, and all such reparations and works of tyling and brick-laying, as they finde insufficient and not workmanly made and wrought, within the same space of fifteen miles, then to present every such default and person so offending, unto the Justices of the Queens Bench, at the next Term after that such Fines may be taxed and set upon such offender, as may be for the profit of the builder, and commodity of the Commonwealth; the one half of all such Fines shall be to the onely use and behoof of the Queens Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, and the other half to be employed to the Master, VVardens, and Fellowship of the Company aforesaid.

*Search for
workmanship
by forreins.*

*The Fine to be
taxed by the
Justices of the
Kings Bench.*

Also, That every person being free of the said Art or Mystery of Tylers and Brick-layers, shall be obedient to the Master and VVardens of the said Art and Mystery, for the time being, and shall come to every Assembly of the said Master, VVardens and Fellowship of the same Craft, when they shall be warned by the Beadle of the same Fellowship, either for the Election of any Master or VVardens of the same Art or Mystery, or for the worship of the City of London, to attend and wait upon the Mayor and Sheriffs of the City for the time being, at their going to Westminster, or at any other time, or when they shall be called for any other cause or matter, as the Freemen of all other Companies in London do (except they have a good, reasonable, and sufficient excuse) upon pain of forfeiture

*Obedience, and
not coming to
the Hall.*

feiture for every time making default 12 pence, the same to be employed to the use of the Masters, VVardens, and Fellowship of the art or mystery of Tylers and Bricklayers, as is aforesaid.

*Presewing and
binding, Ap-
prentices.*

Also, That every person of the said craft of Tylers and Bricklayers, being free of the same craft, and also all foreigners, occupying the same craft, and inhabiting within 15 myles of the same city of *London*, that shall hereafter take any apprentice or servant, shall present and shew the same apprentice or servant, with his indenture of apprenticeship, or covenant Indenture, which hereafter shall be made by the Clerk of the said Company, unto the Wardens of the said craft for the time being, within a quarter of a year, next after the date of the same Indenture, or covenant Indenture, to the intent that they may understand under what form the same apprentice or servant is bound.

*10 s. Fine for
this.*

*Prentice for
seven years,
and no less.*

And, That no manner of person or persons, being free of the said Art or Mystery, take any apprentice for any less terme then for seven years, according to the custome of *London*, upon payne to pay forty shillings as often times as he doth the contrary in any of the same points, in this article specified, to be levied and employed in maner and form aforesaid.

*For undecent
words.*

Also, That no person of the said craft from henceforth revile or rebuke the Master or Wardens of the said Craft for the time being, or any of them, or rayl or slander any of them, or any other person of the same craft, or any Officer or Clerk belonging to the same craft, with unfitting or undecent words or language, in open audience of people, or in any other place or places secretly, upon pain to pay six shillings eight pence, as often as he so doth, to be levied and employed to the use of the said Master,

*six shillings
eight pence.*

VVar-

VVardens, and Fellowship, in manner and form afore rehearsed.

Item, It is Ordained, That from henceforth no person of the said Craft take any Apprentice to him to be bound by Indenture, afore the VVardens and Assidants of the said Fellowship for the time being, have first known, approved and admitted the said Master or person to to have or take such an Apprentice, to be able as well in cunning, sufficient to, and for the instruction of his said Apprentice in the said Faculty, as in substance and otherwise for the keeping and sustaining of the said Apprentice in all things necessary and convenient to the same, upon pain of forfeiture of forty shillings for every Apprentice taken contrary to this said Ordinance, to be employed to the use of the same Master, VVardens and Fellowship, as is aforesaid.

Admitting of Apprentices to able men.

Also it is Ordained, That no person of the said Craft, being a Freeman of the said City, and one of the Clothier or Livery, except he hath been first younger Warden, shall from henceforth have, take, and keep in his service at once, any moe Apprentices then one, to the intent that the same Apprentice may be the better applied, learned and occupied in his said Faculty. And if any person of the said craft being of the Clothing, and hath not been younger Warden, do contrary to this Ordinance, he shall forfeit for every time so doing, Forty shillings, to be employed as is aforesaid.

No person to keep but one Apprentice, except he have been younger Warden.

Also it is Ordained, That if any person of the said craft from henceforth, by any sinister labour, mean, or procurement shall, or do supplant, undermine, or put out any other person of the said craft from any work by any such person first taken in hand (except that the

supplanting.

first workman be fully paid off, and for his wages, and also discharged of the same work by the Master and Ruler of the same that shall set him on work, or by his or their deputy) that then the person so doing shall forfeit for every time so doing, forty shillings, to be applied as is last aforesaid.

*None to take
any but as
Apprentice.*

It is Ordained and Established, That none of the said Craft being a Freeman, from this day forward, shall take no servant by covenant for two or three years, more or less, and set them to their crafts; but shall onely take them as their Apprentice for seven years or more, after the custom of the City of *London*, upon pain of forfeiture of forty shillings, to be levied and employed to the use as is aforesaid.

*None to have
any Appren-
tice, except he
hath been out of
his years four
years.*

Also it is Ordained by these Presents, That no Freeman of the said Company, being of the Yeomanry, and out of the Clothing, shall take or have to him any Apprentice or servant, before the said Freeman or Master have been first out of his years by the space of four full years, from the day of the making free of the said Freeman or Master, to be accompted, and then to take one and no more, at, by, and with the discretions of the Master, VVardens, and Assistants of the same Company, until he cometh to be of the Livery or Clothing; And that the said Freeman shall pay and bear scot and lot, and all other charges, as a Freeman of the City of *London* ought, and is bound to do, upon pain of Forty shillings, to be employed to the use of the Commonalty of the said Company.

*Enrolment of
Apprentices.*

Also it is Ordained, That every Freeman taking any Apprentice, shall cause the same Apprentice to be Inrolled in the *Chamber* of *London*, according to the custom

stom of the same City within one year after the date thereof, upon pain of forfeiture of six shillings eight pence, to be employed to the use of the Master, Wardens and Company of the Fellowship aforesaid.

Also, That it shall be lawful for the Master and ^{A Beadle.} VVardens aforesaid, to have a Beadle to be attendant upon them to warn the Company, to come to their Hall or other place, where any Assembly shall be for any matter touching the said Fellowship, or otherwise.

And, Also to have a Clerk to make their Indentures of apprenticeship, and Leases and Conveyances of their Lands, and to be with them at every Court day, and to Register what is done, every of the said Court dayes. ^{A Clerk.}

And, That it shall be lawful to the said Master and VVardens, and their Successours, to distrain ^{To distrain for the penalties.} for any of the penalties before-expressed, in any of the houses of the said offenders, aswell free as forrein, and to detain the distress so taken, until such time as the same offender shall have paid unto the said Master and VVardens, such pains and penalties as so shall be set upon him for this offence.

And if any matter of variance rise between any of the said Fellowship, for any wrong or matter personal, then the Master and Wardens of the said Fellowship, upon complaint to any of them made, shall have full power and authority by these presents, to call both the said parties before them, and to hear and determine the same matter, if they can. ^{To appeare controversies.}

Also, That it shall be lawful for the Master and ^{To keep Courts} VVardens of the said Fellowship for the time being,

to call to them the most part of such as have been Wardens of the said Company of Assistants, and to keep their Courts at such times, and as often as to them shall be thought good, and by the consent of the most part of them, to take order for such as are offenders, and by their discretions to make good and reasonable Laws and Constitutions for the correction and better rule and government of the Freemen of the said Fellowship.

*Reading the
Ordinances.*

It is also Ordained, That from henceforth the Wardens of the said Craft of *Tylers* and *Bricklayers*, shall yearly, that is to say, three or four times of the year, cause all the Ordinances made above for the good rule and government of the said Art, openly to be read in their Common Hall, when they then and there shall assemble, to the intent that none of the said craft shall excuse him by any ignorance or lack of knowledge of the same.

Task-work.

It is Ordered, That none of this Company shall take any maner of task-work in *London*, or the Suburbs thereof, of any Mason, Carpenter, Plaisterer, or other workman that taketh any work belonging to this Company, by task, but work with him by Day-work, without license of the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the more part of them, upon pain of forty shillings.

*Selling Ap-
prentices.*

It is Ordered, That if any of this Company do sell or do away, or make over his Apprentice to any, either free of this Company, or to any other, or to any forrein, without the consent of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this Company, or the more part of them, that then every person so setting over his Apprentice,

prentice, and he of this Company that taketh such Apprentice without the same consent, shall forfeit and pay to this Company five pounds, and from thenceforth such persons so offending, shall from thenceforth be barred to take any Apprentice until the years of him so set over, be expired.

It is Ordered, That if any person or persons of this ^{Arresting} Company, shall at any time hereafter sue, arrest, or imprison, by any ways or means, any other of the same Company, without the license or consent of the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the more part of them, that every such person so offending, shall forfeit to the use of this Company, six shillings eight pence.

Also it is Ordered, That none of this Company ^{Apprentices} shall take any Apprentice for any less term then for ^{for eight years} eight years, and none to be bound under the same term, and during the same term to have no other, otherwise then the Ordinances doth allow.

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The OATH of the VVardens.

YE shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queens Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens of this Realm, and that ye shall well and truly order and govern all the Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Tylers and Bricklayers, whereof ye are chosen Master and Wardens for this present year; And the good Rules and Ordinances made for the preservation of the same, or that hereafter shall be made, ye shall keep, and see to be kept to the best of your powers; All Defaults committed to the contrary, whereof you shall have understanding, either by your own knowledge or else by information of other, ye shall duly, and according to justice, see to be punished and corrected, sparing no man for love, nor grieving any man for hate, otherwise then you ought to do of right. And ye shall truly accompt and answer all such Money and Goods as hath, or shall come into your hands to the use of the same Company. Ye shall also well, truly, and honestly behave your self in all things that belong to your Offices, while ye be Master and Wardens, to the utmost of your powers, cunning and knowledge. So God you help, &c.

Also



Also it is Ordered, That every one of this Com-^{Chamflets.}pany, as well of the Livery as of the Yeomanry, that maketh any Chimney or Chimneys, shall cut and hew the Chamflets two inches and a half square, and also well, workmanly, and cleanly joynt and finish all such work as they shall take in hand, upon pain of mending the same work, and to pay for a Fine six shillings eight pence.

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The OATH of the Master and Wardens.

YE shall Swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty, His Heires and Successors, Kings of this Realm; And that ye shall well and truly order and govern all the Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Tylers and Brick-layers, whereof ye are Master and Wardens for this present year; And the good Rules and Ordinances made for the preservation of the same, or that hereafter shall be made, ye shall keep, and see to be kept to the best of your powers; All Defaults committed to the contrary, whereof you shall have understanding, either by your own knowledge, or else by information of other, ye shall duly, and according to justice, see to be punished and corrected, sparing no man for love, nor grieving any man for hate, otherwise then you ought to do of right. And ye shall truly accompt and answer all such Money and Goods as hath, or shall come into your hands to the use of the same Company. Ye shall also well, truly, and honestly behave your self in all things that belong to your Offices, while ye be Master and Wardens, to the utmost of your powers, cunning and knowledge. So God you help, &c.

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THE OATH OF THE FREEMEN.

YOU shall Swear, That you do testifie and declare in your Conscience, that the Kings Majesty is the onely Supream Governour of this Realm, and of all other His Highness Dominions and Countreys, as well in Spirituall or Ecclesiastical things or Causes, as Temporal, And that no Forreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within these His Majesties Realms.

And therefore ye shall utterly renounce and forsake all Forreign Jurisdicions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities; and shall promise, that from henceforth ye shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Highness, His Heirs and lawful Successours, and to your power shall assist and defend all Jurisdicions, Priviledges, and Preheminences, and Authorities granted or belonging to the Kings Highness, His Heirs and Successors, or united or annexed to the Imperial Crown of these Realms.

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You shall swear also to be true and faithful to this Craft of *Tylers* and *Bricklayers* of the City of *London*, keeping as much as in your power is, love and charity amongst them, not moving or stirring any occasion of strife or debate, through which the said Craft or Mystery, or any person of the same, might be hindred or hurt.

Also ye shall in all lawful things be obedient always unto the Master and Wardens of the said Craft for the time being.

And all the lawful Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances made and ordained, or hereafter to be made and ordained, for the weal of the said Craft, well and truly ye shall maintain and support, to the best of your power.

Also ye shall duly and truly pay, or do to be paid, the Quarteridges and all other Duties yearly, belonging to the said Fellowship.

And be contributory to all manner of lawful and reasonable charges belonging, and necessarily appertaining, as other Brethren do, to the best of your power.

Also ye shall obey all manner of lawful Summons done in the said Master and Wardens names, by their Officer therefore assigned.

You shall not discover the lawful Counsel of this mystery that you shall have knowledge of, which should be kept secret within your selves.

These points, and all other good Rules and Ordinances made, and to be made, you shall obey, keep, and maintain to your power, as near as God shall give you grace. *So help you God, &c.*



25. *Die Julii.* 1586.

IT is Ordered and Agreed this present day, by the Master, Wardens and Assistants of this Company, That if any of this Company being warned to the Burial of any person or persons of this Company, or if his or their wife, do miss, and come not to such place, and hour, as he shall be warned to attend at every such Burial, Every person so missing, to pay Twelve pence, except he or they have a lawful excuse.



The OATH of the Wardens.

YE shall Swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queens Majesty, Her Heirs and Successours, Kings and Queens of this Realm; And that ye shall well and truly order and govern all the Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Tylers and Brick-layers, whereof ye be chosen Wardens for one year.

And the good Rules and Ordinances made for the preservation of the same, or that hereafter shall be made, ye shall keep, and see to be kept to the best of your powers. And all Defaults committed to the contrary, whereof you shall have understanding, either by your own knowledge, or else by information of other, ye shall duly, and according to justice & equity, see to be punished and corrected, sparing no man for love, nor grieving any man for hate, otherwise then you ought to do of right. And ye shall truly accompt and answer all such Money and Goods as hath, or shall come into your hands to the use of the same Company. Ye shall also well, truly, and honestly behave your self in all things that belong to your Offices, while ye be Wardens, to the utmost of your powers and cunning. So God you help, &c.

Ordi-



*Ordinances made by the whole Company, tempore
Symon Credense, Magister.*

IT is also Ordained, That none of the said Company shall work with any Carpenter, Mason, Plasterer, or other workman not of this Company, that taketh any thing by Task, belonging to this Science, nor work, or do any of the said work so taken by any of them, without the license of the said Master and Wardens, upon pain of forfeiture of forty shillings for every time so doing.

It is also Ordered, That none of the said Company shall sell, or otherwise do away his Apprentice to any, but onely to one of this Company, and that with the license of the Master and Wardens, upon pain of forfeiture of forty shillings for every time so doing.

*Tempore Rogeri Gathorn, William Emerton,
and Tho. Webster.*

It is also Ordered, That if any of the Company do miss, and come not to such place, and hour, as they shall be warned, to any Offering of any Brother of the Company, then to pay twelve pence.

F I N I S.